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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATION AT EMBASSY--ADDITIONAL STUDENT STATEMENT

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SUMMARY: IN A COMMUNIQUE BROADCAST OVER RADIO IMPACT AUGUST 21 (SEE FBIS ITEM 211815Z AUG 74), THE FEDERATED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE (1) DENOUNCED THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED MEDIA'S TREATMENT OF THE AUGUST 14 DEMONSTRATION AT THE EMBASSY, AND (2) GAVE ITS OWN EXPLANATION OF SORTS FOR THE VIOLENCE WHICH OCCURRED. END SUMMARY

1. IN AN AUGUST 21 COMMUNIQUE--BROADCAST OVER RADIO IMPACTO AS WAS PREVIOUS STUDENT STATEMENT (REFTEL)--THE FEDERATED ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE (THE PREDOMINATING STUDENT ORGANIZATION AT THE IN) DESCRIBED THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED MEDIA'S COMMENTARY ON THE DEMONSTRATION AS "A VILE DISCRIMINATORY ATTACK" ON IN STUDENTS. ATTRIBUTING WHAT IT SARCASTICALLY TERMED THE "PEOPLE'S PRESS" REACTION TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FACT THAT "OUR SLOGANS READ LONG LIVE THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE

INSTEAD OF LONG LIVE THE GENERAL" AND THAT THE STUDENTS DID NOT "STOOP SO LOW" AS TO ASK PERMISSION, THE STATEMENT ASSERTED THAT STUDENTS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO SEEK PERMISSION FOR IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT WHEN THEY DEMONSTRATE IT IS "IN BEHALF OF PANAMA'S STRUGGLE AGAINST YANKEE IMPERIALISM AND THE LOCAL BOURGEOISIE."

2. ADDRESSING THE EVENT ITSELF, THE COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT THE STUDENTS HAD "VENTED ALL THEIR FORCE UPON THE YANKEE EMBASSY BECAUSE THEY WERE MOVED BY THE HATRED ENGENDERED IN THEIR HEARTS AGAINST THE 'FRIENDLY' U S GOVERNMENT FROM THE MOMENT OF BIRTH" AND BECAUSE "THE GRINGOS IN THE EMBASSY SMILED SILENTLY AND SARCASTICALLY AS THEY LOOKED UPON THE PEACEFUL WAY IN WHICH THE STUDENTS EXPRESSED WHAT THEY FELT AT THE TIME AGAINST U S IMPERIALISM IT WAS FOR THESE REASONS--THE YANKEE'S SARCASTIC SMILES AND THE REPRESSED HATRED IN THE HEARTS OF PANAMANIAN YOUTHS WHO SHOWED THEY WERE MORE PANAMANIAN THAN CERTAIN SPOKESMEN OF THE PEOPLE--THAT REVOLUTIONARY STONES FLEW FROM THE HANDS OF THE IMPETUOUS STUDENTS AND DESTROYED BETWEEN 5 AND 15 PERCENT OF THE WINDOWS OF THIS HOUSE OF ESPIONAGE." THE COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDED WITH THE COMMENT THAT "THIS IS NOTHING LIKE IN CYPRUS," AND WITH THE RHETORICAL QUESTION "THIS IS NOT INSIGNIFICANT, IS IT?"

3. AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE AUGUST 20 STUDENT STATEMENT REPORTED REFTEL, THE LATEST STUDENT RETORT HAS NOT BEEN COVERED BY THE LOCAL PRESS.
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